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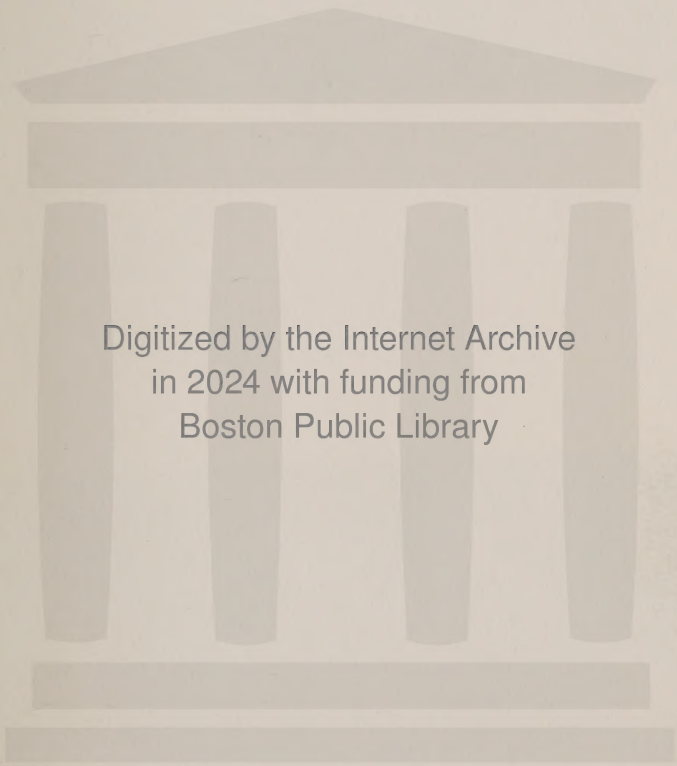

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[Philadelphia Athenaeum.]

Athenaeum of Philadelphia
August 19th 1874

Justin Winsor, Esq:
Secretary of the
Boston Public Library.

Dear Sir,

I have just received yr. favor of the 17th inst. & w'd., in compliance with yr. request, send, with my kind regards, a copy of the "Charter & By-Laws of the Athenaeum, 1820". You have the only Annual Reports ever printed by the Institution.

Very Respectfully
L. K. Lewis.
Librarian.

CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

ATHENÆUM

OF

PHILADELPHIA:

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

A list of the Directors, Stockholders, and Annual Visitors, and of persons who have presented to, or deposited at the Athenæum,

Books, Maps, Medals, &c.

TOGETHER WITH

A Catalogue of the Books, Maps, &c.

BELONGING TO THE INSTITUTION.

PHILADELPHIA:

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A SHORT ACCOUNT

OF THE

RISE AND PROGRESS

OF THE

ATHENÆUM.

IN every considerable town of Europe, there exist public institutions at which the political, literary and scientific journals may be found, together with an extensive collection of standard books, and public lectures on the different branches of knowledge. The want of similar establishments had long been experienced in the United States, and many abortive attempts were made to introduce them. The proprietors of the Athenæum at Boston are entitled to the praise of being the first to erect an institution of this nature. About the close of the year 1813, a number of gentlemen assembled for the purpose of establishing reading rooms in Philadelphia. Their first and immediate object was the collection, in some central place, of American and foreign periodical publications of politics, literature and science, maps, dictionaries and other books of reference to which access might be had at all hours of the day. Besides the purchase of all new books of merit they contemplated the gradual acquisition of such as might lay the foundation of a large and useful public Library, and of such manuscripts, medals and coins as might be valuable for their curiosity or as tending to illustrate the history of this country. They looked forward also to the establishment of Lectureships on science of a nature to be generally useful, and as accessary to this desirable object, it was intended to commence the collection of mineral, botanical and other specimens illustrative of natural history.

The proposals for an Athenæum were made public, and met with greater success than there had been reason to expect. The first meeting of the subscribers was held in January 1814, when an address stating the nature and objects of the Institution was agreed upon. On the 9th of February, articles of association were adopted

which provided that the direction of affairs should be vested in a President, a vice President, a Treasurer and twelve managers, who were to be chosen on the first Monday of February in each year. The number of subscribers at this time amounted to about two hundred, and their annual payment was fixed at five dollars. At the same meeting, the following officers were chosen: President, William Tilghman, L. L. D.; Vice President, Dr. James Mease; Treasurer Roberts Vaux; Managers, James Gibson, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, Alexander S. Coxe, Benjamin Chew, junr. Nicholas Biddle, Daniel W. Coxe, William H. Dillingham, John C. Lowber and Jonah Thompson; Robert H. Smith was elected Secretary to the board of Managers.

The institution being thus organized, the managers proceded immediately to fulfill the objects of their appointment. The necessary arrangements having been made, the Athenæum was first opened on the 7th of March 1814, in the rooms on the second floor of the building, at the south-east corner of Chesnut and Fourth streets. The convenience and usefulness of this institution being soon generally acknowledged, a considerable accession of subscribers was received, and many liberal donations of books and other articles of value were made by different gentlemen. The number of subscribers on the 21st of November, 1814, amounted to 383. Their first annual meeting took place on the 6th of February, 1815, when the following officers were chosen: President, William Tilghman; Vice President, James Gibson; Treasurer, Roberts Vaux; Managers, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, Benjamin Chew, jun., William H. Dillingham, Jonah Thompson, George Vaux, Talbot Hamilton, William Smith, Jacob Gratz and Samuel B. Morris. On the 3d of March, 1815, Mr. Thomas M. Hall, was elected Librarian, with a salary of $300 per annum. An unsuccessful attempt was made in the winter of 1814–15 to obtain an act of incorporation from the legislature. At March term, 1815, application was made to the Supreme Court for a charter, which was granted. By this instrument, it was provided that such of the original subscribers as paid the sum of twenty-five dollars to the treasurer, should become stockholders. Those who declined taking shares of stock, were entitled to continue subscribers, on paying five dollars per annum. The stockholders were to pay three dollars per annum. The affairs of the institution were to be managed by fifteen directors, to be chosen annually by the stockholders.—Power was given to the directors to elect annual visitors, on such terms as they thought proper. The first election held under the charter, took place on the 17th of April, 1815, when the following directors were chosen: William Tilghman, James Gibson, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, Benjamin Chew, junr. William H. Dillingham, Jonah Thompson, George Vaux, Talbot Hamilton, William Smith, and Samuel B. Morris. At a meeting of the directors held in pur-

suance of the charter, William Tilghman was chosen President; James Gibson, Vice President; Roberts Vaux, Treasurer; and Robert H. Smith, Secretary. On the 15th of October, 1815, Mr. J. B. Bowen was appointed librarian with a salary ef $400 per annum.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders held on the 5th of February 1816, the directors reported that the receipts of the treasurer for the preceding year, arising from the annual payment of 327 subscribers, and other sources amounted to $1658, while the amount paid was $2170. The deficiency had been covered by a loan from the stock fund. The following directors were then elected: William Tilghman, James Gibson, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, Benjamin Chew, junr., Jonah Thompson, George Vaux, Talbot Hamilton, William Smith, Jacob Gratz, Samuel B. Morris and Alexander S. Coxe. At the next meeting of the directors, William Tilghman was chosen President; James Gibson, Vice President; Jacob Gratz, Treasurer; and Robert H. Smith, Secretary. On the 11th of May, 1816, the salary of the librarian was increased to $500 per annum.

The second annual meeting of the stockholders was held on the 3d of February, 1817. In the address of the directors, the receipts of the preceding year were stated to have been $1985, arising from the annual payment of 228 stockholders at $3; of 236 subscribers and visitors at $5, and from the sum of $3241 29, six per cent stock belonging to the institution, while the disbursements amounted to $2408 23, leaving a deficiency of $423 38, which was borrowed from the stock fund. An election was then held for directors, when the following gentlemen were chosen: William Tilghman, James Gibson, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, Benjamin Chew, junr., George Vaux, William Smith. Jacob Gratz, Alexander S. Coxe, William Lehman, Clement S. Miller and William Rawle, junr. At the first meeting of the directors, William Tilghman was chosen President; James Gibson, Vice President; Jacob Gratz, Treasurer; and Robert H. Smith Secretary. On the 17th of February Mr. Quintin Campbell was elected treasurer in place of Mr. Gratz, resigned. On the 1st of May, 1817, the Athenæum was removed to the second floor of Dufief's building, at the corner of Chesnut street and Carpenter's court. During this year, the annual payment of visitors was raised to 8 dollars.

The third annual meeting was held on the 2d of February, 1818. The directors reported that the receipts of the preceding year amounted to $2337 14, and the actual expenditures to $2065 82. The number of stockholders was 238; of subscribers and visitors, 172; and the amount vested in the 6 per cents $3981 49. At the same meeting it was resolved that it was expedient to alter the charter so far as to give the directors power to increase the annual payments of stockholders to four dollars; which alteration was subsequently made. The following gentlemen were elected directors

for 1818: William Tilghman. James Gibson, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, George Vaux, Jacob Gratz, William Lehman, Clement S. Miller; Quintin Campbell, John C. Montgomery, Benjamin Tilghman, and Joseph S. Cohen: And at the meeting of the Directors William Tilghman was chosen President; James Gibson, Vice-President, Quintin Campbell, Treasurer; and Robert H. Smith, Secretary. In April, 1818, the Athenæum was removed to its present location in the north rooms of the Philosophical Hall.

At the fourth annual meeting held on the first of February, 1819, the directors reported that the receipts of the treasurer for 1818, amounted to $2477 96; and the disbursements for ordinary expences to $2334 62; the number of stockholders was 330; of original subscribers 41; and of annual visitors 150; and the amount vested in six per cents, and bank stock, $4731 39. It was then resolved by the stockholders that the directors should have power to raise the price of each share of stock to be thereafter created to a sum not exceeding fifty dollars. The following directors were then chosen for 1819: William Tilghman, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Robert H. Smith, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, George Vaux, Jacob Gratz, Clement S. Miller, Quintin Campbell, John C. Montgomery, Benjamin Tilghman, Joseph S. Cohen, John Vaughan and Clement C. Biddle. At the meeting of the directors William Tilghman was elected President; Samuel Ewing, Vice President; Quintin Campbell, Treasurer; and Robert H. Smith, Secretary.

The fifth annual meeting was held on the 7th of February, 1820, when the report of the directors stated the receipts of 1819 to have amounted to $2479 15. And the expenditures to $2556 12. That the number of stockholders was 345, of original subscribers 20, and of annual visitors 176; and the amount vested in public stock, $5831 39. The directors elected for 1820, were, William Tilghman, Roberts Vaux, Samuel Ewing, Richard C. Wood, Thomas I. Wharton, George Vaux, Jacob Gratz, Quintin Campbell, John C. Montgomery, Benjamin Tilghman, John Vaughan, Clement C. Biddle, William Lehman, Peter S. Duponceau, and Edward Ingersoll. The present officers of the Institution are: President, William Tilghman; Vice President, Samuel Ewing; Treasurer, Quintin Campbell; Secretary, Robert H. Smith; Librarian, William M'Ilhenney, Jr.

The Library of the Athenæum contains as appears by the following catalogue, about 2500 volumes, and the number is daily increasing, by purchases and donations of individuals and public bodies. The period it is hoped is not far distant when the collection may bear a comparison with any on the continent.

Twenty five foreign Journals of literature and science, together with four English and three French newspapers, are regularly received, and arrangements have been made for procuring some of the best periodical works from Germany.

In addition to these attractions, fifty-five of the most interesting American newspapers of every political complexion, and twenty American literary and scientific journals are constantly found in the rooms. Pains have been taken to procure the best Maps, Dictionaries, Encyclopædias and Gazetteers.

The following extract from the last annual report exhibits the views of the Directors, with respect to the future location of the Athenæum. "The apartments now occupied, are not suffi-"ciently spacious for the comfortable accommodation of our nu-"merous visitors; it is therefore highly desirable, that the trea-"sury department of the Athenæum, should assume so flourish-"ing a condition, as to authorise the directors to erect an edi-"fice, of chaste and simple architecture, conveniently situated, "and of ample dimensions to accommodate the several literary "and scientific societies, which adorn our city; of several of which, "could an amalgamation be formed, one of the leading objects "contemplated in the establishment of this institution, would be "happily accomplished.—If, therefore, the liberality of the pub-"lic, could be induced to place the corner stone, it would be the "ambition of the directors to raise a superstructure which while it "exhibited a pure specimen of classic elegance, would, with its ac-"cumulated treasures, become the pride and ornament of Phila-"delphia."*

* Annual Report, 1st February, 1820.

CHARTER

OF THE

ATHENÆUM OF PHILADELPHIA:

Incorporated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1815.

THE undersigned subscribers, members of the Athenæum of Philadelphia, and citizens of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having associated for literary purposes, and being desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation, or body politic in law, have, for that purpose, prepared this instrument, and herein specified the objects, articles, conditions, and name, style, or title, under which we have associated.

ARTICLE I.

This association is for the purpose of procuring newspapers of different states and countries, pamphlets, books, maps, charts, and of collecting historical and other monuments, connected with the history and antiquities of America, and the useful arts, and generally to disseminate useful knowledge.

ARTICLE II.

It is agreed, that only such of the subscribers hereto, as are citizens of the commonwealth, and shall pay, on or before the 10th day of April next ensuing, to the treasurer of the said association, the sum of twenty-five dollars each, or as shall engage in writing to pay him twenty-five dollars each within one year from the said 10th day of April, shall be members of the incorporated association.

ARTICLE III.

The name, style, or title of the association shall be "*The Athenæum of Philadelphia.*"

ARTICLE IV.

The following shall be fundamental laws of the association:

1. That stock shall be created at the pleasure of the directors, at the price of 25 dollars each share, until otherwise ordered by the directors, with the approbation of those stockholders who shall be present at a meeting regularly held to decide on the terms of admission. The ownership of one or more of these shares to constitute a stockholder, with all the privileges and immunities appertaining to that character.

2. The affairs of the association shall be managed and directed by a board of directors, to consist of fifteen stockholders, to be elected, by ballot, on the first Monday in February annually, by the stockholders in person.

3. The said board shall assemble on the Monday next following their election, and choose from their own number a president and vice-president, and from the stockholders a treasurer, and the clear yearly value or income of their real estate, and the interest of money lent, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.

4. The times of meeting of the board shall be regulated by the by-laws.

5. Five of the directors, unless otherwise directed by the by-laws, shall form a quorum to do business.

6. The board shall have power to make a common seal, and the same to alter and make anew at pleasure, to admit new members, being citizens as aforesaid as stockholders, and to admit visitors in such manner as they may prescribe, where the same is not otherwise directed, (but nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to authorise the managers to require pay or compensation from strangers admited to visit the Athenæum:) to purchase or provide an establishment for the accommodation of the stockholders, and to mortgage and sell the same for their benefit: to enact all by-laws which they shall judge requisite for the institution not inconsistent with the fundamental laws thereof, and of the United States and of this state.

ARTICLE V.

No stockholder shall sell or transfer his share, nor shall any person be allowed to purchase a share without the consent of the board previously obtained.

ARTICLE VI.

The present subscribers to the Athenæum, who decline becoming stockholders, shall be entitled to visit the rooms, upon the payment of five dollars per annum, and persons resident in or near the city of Philadelphia, not stockholders or subscribers, may be permitted to visit the rooms under such regulations, and upon such terms, as the board of directors shall establish.

ARTICLE VII.

All the subscribers to the present establishment, called the Athenæum of Philadelphia, who are citizens of this commonwealth, may become stockholders in this association, provided they pay for each share 25 dollars, towards payment whereof, any subscription paid by them shall be considered as part, and provided also that the same is done on or before the 10th day of April, 1816, and that they also, at the same time, transfer to the association all their estate, right, and interest in the other.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each stockholder shall annually pay the sum of three dollars to the treasurer, for the use of the association, and, on default thereof, shall incur such fine and penalties as the board of directors shall inflict, and they are hereby authorized, in case of default in the payment of the fines and penalties so incurred, to forfeit his share.

ARTICLE IX.

The accounts of the treasurer shall be settled at least once a year, by the board of directors, and the same, with their books of minutes, be submitted to the inspection of the stockholders, at their annual meeting in February for the election of directors.

ARTICLE X.

The stockholders may be convened at any time by the directors, who shall convene them on the request, in writing, of twenty stockholders, or on refusal of the directors, by forty stockholders, twenty days previous notice being given, in at least two of the daily pa-

pers in the city of Philadelphia. At any of which meetings the stockholders convened, or a majority of them, may enact by-laws, repealing by-laws of the board of directors, provided that in each notice the objects of the meeting should be stated, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

The first election of directors under this association, shall be on the third Monday in April next, to serve until the first Monday in February following. The board shall assemble on the Monday next following their election, and, in all respects, conform to the injunctions contained in the third fundamental law.

Witness our hands, the 1st day of February, 1815.

WILLIAM TILGHMAN, and 146 others.

Additional article passed on the 2d day of February, 1818, and enrolled in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, April 21st, 1818.

ARTICLE XII.

The board of directors are hereby empowered to fix the annual payments of the stockholders, at such sum as they may think proper, provided, it does not exceed four dollars per annum, and to inflict such fines, penalties, and forfeitures for default of payment as they are now authorised to do, in regard to the present annual payments.

BY-LAWS

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. THE stated meeting of the board shall be held on the third Monday of every month, at 7 o'clock P. M. unless otherwise ordered by the board, and adjournments of such meetings may be made when necessary. In cases of public exigency the meetings may be held at any other than the usual place, but not at a greater distance from the city of Philadelphia than six miles.

2. Special meetings may be called at any time at the request of three members communicated in writing to the secretary, and containing the proposed object of such meeting, which shall be stated in the notices to the members of the board.

3. As soon as five members shall appear at or after the appointed hour of meeting, the president, or in his absence, the vice president, or when both are absent, a chairman to be chosen pro-tem. shall take the chair and call the members to order.

4. After the chair shall have been taken, no member shall depart from the board during the sitting, without leave first obtained.

5. The chair shall decide on questions of order, from such decision however, an appeal to the board may be had if required by two members, and the board shall thereupon decide without debate.

6. No reconsideration shall be had of a vote in the board, except on motion made and seconded by such as have voted with the majority on the former question, or by those who have not previously voted.

7. At stated and adjourned meetings, business shall be proceeded in according to the following order:

1. The secretary shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting.

2. He shall call over the names of outstanding committees.

3. The reports of committees shall be read.

4. Communications addressed to the board shall be read.

5. Reports of committees and communications may be called up and discussed, and order taken thereon.

6. Other business may be proceeded in on motion.

7. The minutes of every meeting shall be read over at the close thereof, for the purpose of correction, unless such reading be dispensed with.

8. At special meetings after the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall have been read, the board shall immediately proceed to the consideration of the business for which they are specially convened, (and no other business shall be brought before the board unless by consent of two thirds of the members present.)

9. No motion shall be received unless seconded, nor unless the mover if required by the president, chairman or a member, shall have committed it to writing.

10. Every member when speaking shall address himself to the chair; snd when a question is before the board, no motion shall be received unless to amend, divide, commit, or postpone, or to adjourn the board, and a motion to adjourn shall always be decided without debate.

11. No by-law shall be altered, repealed or enacted at the meeting at which such alteration, repeal or enaction is proposed, except by an unanimous vote of the members present.

12. Five members shall constitute a quorum. In case a quorum shall not be assembled within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present may make an adjournment.

13. At the first meeting after the annual election, the following committees shall be appointed:

1. *A purchasing committee* to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to import or purchase books, maps, charts, &c. for the institution, and who shall report to the board at each stated meeting their proceedings since the last meeting.

2. *A committee of superintendence* to consist of four members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the rooms, to enforce the regulations of the board for the government thereof, to report to the board for their order thereon, such breaches as the committee shall think deserve animadversion, and to propose from time to time such improvements in the regulations of the institution as their experience may suggest. This committee shall also have power to make purchases of wood, candles, oil, and other articles for the use of the rooms not exceeding thirty dollars monthly in amount, and to draw on the treasurer for the same. They shall have power to elect visitors on such terms as shall be ordered by the board.

3. *A committee of accounts* to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to audit and settle the treasurer's accounts, and to examine and report on all claims against the institution not specifically growing out of the appointment of other committees; and it shall be the duty of this committee to meet at the rooms, on the afternoon of the day of each stated meeting, for the examination of the accounts presented for payment since the preceeding meeting, and report the same to the board.

Of the Treasurer.

14. *The treasurer* shall give bond in such manner and for such sum as the board shall direct, for the faithful appropriation of the monies of the institution placed in his hands. He shall receive the monies of the institution and pay the same upon the order of the board, or of such committees as are duly authorised to draw orders. He shall lay monthly before the board a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures, and of the funds remaining in his hands. He shall deposit the monies of the institution in such bank as the board shall direct, to his credit as treasurer in an account to be opened for that purpose, with which no other account shall be intermixed. He shall open a regular set of books, the same to be the property of the institution, which shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection and examination of the board or any member thereof.

Of the Secretary.

15. It shall be the duty of *the secretary* to attend the board at their meetings; to keep fair minutes of all their proceedings; to issue notices to the members of stated and adjourned meetings, and also of special meetings when duly required; to issue to the person first named on all committees a copy of the resolution of the board appointing such committees; and generally he shall perform all reasonable and customary duties incident to the office of secretary to the board. He shall have the custody and charge of all papers of the institution, except what are in the charge of the treasurer.

The secretary and treasurer shall deliver to their respective successors in office all the books, papers and property of the institution in their charge.

Of the Librarian.

10. *A librarian* shall be chosen by the board, whose duty it shall be to attend at the rooms during the time they are required to be kept open, to take care they are sufficiently warmed, cleansed and lighted; and that the books, papers, and other property be kept in order and not abused; and generally to perform such duties as the board or committee of superintendence shall enjoin. His salary shall be fixed by the board. He shall give a bond with one surety in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the payment to the treasurer of all monies of the institution which shall be received by him.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

OF THE

Admission of Visitors.

Diplomatic characters, clergymen, and such foreign consuls as are not resident citizens of the United States, shall be admitted gratis to the use of the rooms. Persons whose usual place of residence is not within ten miles from the Athenæum, may also be admitted gratis, for a period of one month at each visit to Philadelphia. To entitle such persons however to admission, it is necessary that they should be introduced to the librarian by a stockholder or subscriber, who shall enter the name of each person so introduced in a book kept for the purpose. Persons of the above description who may intend to remain in the city for a longer period than one month, may be elected by the committee of superintendence as visitors for three months on payment of three dollars, and for six months on payment of six dollars, having been first proposed by a stockholder or subscriber.

Of the Admission of Annual Visitors.

Persons residing in or within ten miles of the city, not stockholders nor original subscribers, may be admitted as annual visitors on the following terms. If elected between the first Monday in February and the first Monday in June, they shall pay in advance eight dollars; if between the first Monday in June and the first Monday in October six dollars; and if between the first Monday in October and the first Monday in February, four dollars.

No original nor annual subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw from the institution without signifying his intention to the board in writing before the first Monday in February of each year, and without paying all arrearages.

Of Stockholders.

Stockholders shall pay four dollars a year in advance, and no share shall be transfered before all arrearages are paid.

Of the Rooms.

1. The rooms shall be opened every day and evening in the week (Sundays excepted) from 8 A. M. till 10 P. M. from the 1st November to the 1st May, and from 7 A. M. till 10 P. M. from the 1st May to the 1st November.

2. Books, newspapers, &c. shall be returned to the place whence they were taken when the reader has no further use for them.

3. Any stockholder, subscriber or visitor who shall remove from the rooms, or deface or injure any book, pamphlet or newspaper, shall be suspended from visiting the rooms by the committee of superintendence until the next annual meeting of the stockholders, when if it is thought proper he shall be expelled; and if a stockholder, his share shall be forfeited and sold for the benefit of the institution.

4. A box shall be kept in the rooms for the purpose of receiving the titles of such books, &c. as any subscriber wishes to be procured for the institution.

DIRECTORS FOR 1820.

Wm. Tilghman, President,

Samuel Ewing, Vice President,

Quintin Campbell, Treasurer,

Robert H. Smith, Secretary.

John Vaughan,
Roberts Vaux,
Benjamin Tilghman,
Thos. I. Wharton,
George Vaux,
John C. Montgomery,
Richard C. Wood,
Peter S. Duponceau,
Clement C. Biddle,
Jacob Gratz,
William Lehman,
Edward Ingersoll.

COMMITTEE FOR 1820.

Purchases,

Messrs. Ingersol, Duponceau and Biddle.

Accounts,

Messrs. R. Vaux, Gratz, and Wharton.

Superintendence.

Messrs. Ewing, Montgomery, Vaughan and B. Tilghman.

LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS.

A.

Arrot, James.
Atherton, Humphrey
Anthony, M. H.
Andrews, William
Alexander, Samuel
Astley, Thomas
Atwood, I. M.

B.

Bunting, Samuel C.
Biddle, John G.
Biddle, Nicholas
Bevan, Matthew L.
Bronson, Enos
Brown, Joseph D.
Badger, Samuel
Biddle, W. S.
Bache, Richard
Bunting, Jacob
Birch, William Y.
Biddle, Clement C.
Brown, Paul S.
Buckley, Anthony M.
Barnes, John M. D.
Barnes, Joseph
Bryan, Guy
Boyd, William
Biddle, James C.
Brown, Jeremiah,
Biddle, Thomas
Barton, Thomas P.
Brown, Moses
Bancker, C. N.
Bowen, John
Blackwell, Rev. Dr.
Beybard, John jr.
Byrne Henry C.
Becket, Henry
Barton, Wm. P. C.
Burd, Edward
Benson, Alexander
Benson, David
Benson, Peter
Beirne, C.
Barker, James N.
Brown, David S.

C.

Coxe, Charles S.
Chancellor, William
Coxe Alexander S.
Cohen, I. S.
Chauncey, N.
Carey, Matthew
Carr, Benjamin
Coxe, Daniel T.
Charetton, R.
Cabot, Joseph
Carey, Henry C.
Craig, James
Campbell, George
Chester, Henry
Craig, William
Chew, Benjamin, jr.
Cadwallader, Thomas
Charnley, James H.
Collins, Z.
Cox, John
Collins, William
Cohen, A. M.
Canby, Samuel, jr.
Camac, Turner
Condy, Jonathan W
Clymer, George
Campbell, Quintin
Clifford, John
Camac, Wm. M.

D.

Davis, James
Dufief, N. G.

Dusar, F.
Dubarrè, Edmund
Delprat, J. C.
Dundas, James H.
Duncan, Stephen
Du Ponceau, P. S.
Dobson, Judah
Dreyfous, Mr.
Duval, Louis
Da Cruz, A. G.
Davis, Richard
Davidson, William
Delany, William
Dixon, Michael
Duncan, Thomas
Donnaldson, E. M.
D'Orbigny, Louis D.
Dulles, Jos. H.
Dale, Edward
Dalghren B.

E.

Ewing, Samuel
Earle, Edward
Evans, Cadwallader
Eddoes, Ralph
Elder, Wm. T.
Emlen, George
Ellmaker, Levi
Edwards, Joshua Jr.

F.

Fenner, John H.
Frazer, Robert
Firth, Thomas
Fisher, S. Rhoads
Finley, Anthony
Fisher, Redwood
Fisher, Coleman
Furst, Maurice
Fairman, Richard
Farr, John

G.

Gillingham, Joseph
Gratz, Jacob
Gratz, Benjamin
Gratz, Hyman
Gibson, James
Gratz, Joseph
Gratz, Simon
Graham, John
Grant, Joseph P.
Gilman, Benj. H.
Garesche, Gabriel
Graeff, Charles
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4. Seaman on Saratoga Waters.
5. La France pendant quatorze siecles, ou preuves de la Constitution de la Monarchie Française.

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Four Chinese and French Coins.
Map of the World, by Arrowsmith.
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Map of Connecticut.
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Pennsylvania.
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France.
Paris.
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New Hampshire, folded.
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Elba.
Amerique-Meridionale

Map of New Orleans.
Paris, folded.
Chesapeake Bay.
Ten Miles round Philadelphia.
Military Atlas, showing the Position of the Armies, during the Revolutionary War.
Seventeen Napoleon Medals, illustrative of remarkable events, while Napoleon was Emperor of France, beautifully executed.
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American.
Albany---Argus,

NEW JERSEY.

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ATHENÆUM REPORT

FOR

1847

AND

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

OF

THE NEW HALL.

John Notman, Arch.t | Lith. of T. Sinclair Phil.a | On Stone by P. A. Nicholson.

ATHENAEUM.

THIRTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE ATHENÆUM OF PHILADELPHIA,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE ARCHITECT,

AND

THE ADDRESS

OF

SAMUEL BRECK, ESQ., PRESIDENT,

AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW HALL,

ON THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1845.

PHILADELPHIA:

JOHN C. CLARK, PRINTER, 60 DOCK STREET.

1847.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Athenæum of Philadelphia, held at the rooms on Monday, the 1st February, 1847,

John M. Scott, Esq., was called to the chair, and John P. Montgomery appointed Secretary.

William H. Dillingham, Esq., read to the meeting the Annual Report of the Directors, which was approved and ordered to be published.

On motion of Mr. Elkin it was resolved, That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the Directors for their services during the past year.

The Stockholders proceeded to the election of Directors for the ensuing year.

The Tellers reported that the following named gentlemen were duly elected:—

Samuel Breck,	J. Francis Fisher,
Thomas I. Wharton,	John C. Montgomery,
William Smith,	Thomas M. Pettit,
Jacob Gratz,	Lawrence Lewis,
Quintin Campbell,	John J. Vanderkemp,
Clement C. Biddle,	Mordecai D. Lewis,
Samuel Norris,	William H. Dillingham,

William Shippen, M.D.

JOHN M. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

John P. Montgomery, *Sec'ry.*

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, February 8, 1847, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT.
SAMUEL BRECK.

VICE PRESIDENT.
THOMAS I. WHARTON.

TREASURER.
MORDECAI D. LEWIS.

SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN.
WILLIAM M'ILHENNEY.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Athenæum Rooms, February 1, 1847.

The Directors of the Athenæum, in compliance with the provisions of the Charter, submit the Thirty-second Annual Report to the Stockholders.

The ordinary receipts and expenditures appear, by the Treasurer's report, to have been as follows:—

There has been received—		
From Stockholders,		$2065 00
Annual visiters,		169 00
Arrears,		85 00
One share of stock,		25 00
Transfers,		5 00
Interest,		874 00
		3223 00
Expended—For rent,	$600 00	
Librarian's salary,	600 00	
Commissions,	117 45	
Gas,	149 29	
Coal,	48 75	
Books, magazines, &c.	445 89	
Binding,	87 02	
Newspapers,	380 13	
Postages, messenger, and contingent expenses,	380 00	
		2808 53
Showing a balance of		$425 65

which will be more fully explained by the Treasurer's accounts.

The number of visiters to our rooms, including strangers introduced during the year past, shows an undiminished interest in the general objects of the Institution.

The completion of the new building has been delayed somewhat beyond the original expectations of the Directors. Its progress and present condition, with the cause of this delay, are explained in the report of the architect herewith submitted. There is good reason to believe that it will be finished and ready for us to occupy, by the first of June next. Some portions of the building will be ready for the occupation of our tenants at a much earlier day. Very general satisfaction has been expressed by Stockholders and the public with the architectural design, and it is hoped and believed that equal satisfaction will be felt with the interior arrangements of the building. There was some difficulty upon the subject of finishing the principal room on the first floor, so as to command the most income. The result has been highly favourable. The Directors are happy to be able to report, that they have already made contracts for the rent of rooms, not required for the purposes of the Institution, to the amount of $1550* a year; the remaining rooms, which can be rented to advantage, should yield, at least, $500 more; and, probably, will produce a still larger sum. The Institution may therefore calculate, with certainty, upon an annual rental of over $2000.

Among those who have taken leases, may be mentioned the Comptrollers of the Public Schools, to

* Since the date of this report, a higher rent has been offered and accepted for one of these rooms, to the satisfaction of all parties, so that this sum should now read $1600.

occupy the large room at the east end, on the first floor, together with a smaller room on Adelphi street, for five years; the Historical Society, to occupy the north-west corner room in the third story; the Trustees of the Bingham estate, to occupy the double office at the north-east corner, front, on the first floor. These, it is confidently expected, will all become permanent tenants.

It is a source of particular gratification to the Directors to have been able to furnish to the Comptrollers of the Public Schools rooms so desirable for the use of their Board, and for the meetings of the City School Directors, now quite a numerous body, for whom it has been difficult heretofore to provide a suitable place of meeting. The Stockholders will not fail to recognise, in the public services of those for whom these accommodations are furnished, objects in common with our own.

A similar acknowledgment is due to the Historical Society, whose claim to a larger share of public interest than it has hitherto enjoyed is generally admitted, and whose means of extended usefulness the Directors of the Athenæum would gladly promote. That society having taken rooms in our new building with a view to a permanent location, is a circumstance which cannot but be regarded as of particular interest to this Institution. A commodious fire-proof is to be provided for its use, adequate to the safe keeping of the numerous historical records and papers, which, it is said, will be deposited under its care, whenever such an inducement can be held out. Should the resources of the society increase, as expected by its members, in its new location, an adjoining room south, well adapted to its purposes,

will soon be required, and can be thus occupied to mutual advantage.

Six rooms in the third story, including one of large dimensions over the proposed reading room, and the large cellar under the eastern part of the building, have not yet been rented.

The whole amount expended in the purchase of the site and in the erection of the building, up to this time, is $34,360.25, as appears by statement of the Treasurer.

It may be interesting to the Stockholders to know, that the Lehman legacy of $10,000, left some years ago for this purpose, actually produced, under the prudent management of previous Boards, $24,845.45, which has been appropriated agreeably to the bequest.

The Directors have found no difficulty in raising, by mortgage, the sum necessary to complete the building, according to the design and plans approved by the Stockholders.

From the rents already secured, it is rendered quite certain, at a moderate estimate of the income to be derived from the rooms remaining to be rented, that there will be a clear annual revenue of one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars, from the building itself, after discharging interest on the money borrowed, to be applied to the general purposes of the Athenæum. Should it be thought desirable, as has been suggested by some, to apply this surplus to the establishment of a sinking fund, the debt may thus be paid off in a very few years.

Since our last annual meeting, the Legislature has exempted this property from "poor and corporation taxes."

By the same act, provision was made for a class of life subscribers, upon the payment of a certain sum to be fixed by the Directors in lieu of annual payments. The Directors have not yet deemed it expedient to take any action upon this subject, but it is thought highly probable that a time may soon arrive, when advantageous use can be made of this provision.

It is contemplated, on the removal to the new building, to have a thorough examination of the Library;* and strenuous efforts will be made to render it more available and useful to the Stockholders and visiters to our rooms. It is hoped that we shall be able not only to extend it, but in some respects to improve its character and condition.

Although some of our members have experienced regret at the prospect of leaving the pleasant rooms occupied by us for near thirty years, it must be seen by all that the time has arrived when a new impulse should be given to the Athenæum. The site selected is scarcely less favourable than our present location; the terms upon which it has been obtained have proved most advantageous, and the time was rapidly passing, when any situation at all desirable could be procured without an enormous outlay. The architect has done all that could have been expected of him in the exterior design, with the means at his command: even these limited means have proved adequate, in his hands, to the erection of an edifice of which our city may well be proud, and which the cotemporaries and friends of him who

* The number of volumes contained in the Library is upwards of nine thousand.

bequeathed to us the largest portion of our building fund, still live to see and may soon occupy. This illustration of what the LEHMAN LEGACY has done, directly and constantly in the public eye, can scarcely fail to induce others to leave the means of equal good to their fellow citizens behind them, when they can no longer gratify their public spirit and generous impulses by themselves administering their abundant means.*

A united and earnest effort of our friends might soon place this Institution among the highest for interest and usefulness, of the many public institutions which adorn our city and promote the general welfare.

W. H. DILLINGHAM,
JOHN C. MONTGOMERY,
J. FRANCIS FISHER,
Committee.

* It is important that those who include the Athenæum among the objects of their bequests, should designate it by its corporate name—"THE ATHENÆUM OF PHILADELPHIA."

Besides the liberal bequest of Mr. Lehman, the Athenæum has been noticed in the wills of John L. Harris, Chief Justice Tilghman, John Savage, Roberts Vaux, Mr. Du Ponceau, and Nathan Dunn, and has received a handsome donation in books from Mr. Breck, the President.

REPORT OF THE ARCHITECT.

Philadelphia, January 25, 1847.

To the Chairman and Building Committee of the Athenæum.

Gentlemen,—In compliance with your request, I have the honour to submit the following

REPORT.

That after much delay from causes not to be controlled, the building is roofed and free from injury, or further delay from weather.

The floors are laid in the first and third stories, and the rooms therein fitted and squared for the plaster work, excepting the introduction of the gas pipes.

The counter floors are laid over the second story, and the surface flooring is nearly all laid over that.

The news room ceiling is ready for the plaster work, and the ceiling of the library will be commenced directly. One of the furnaces is built, another in progress; the other two will be built in immediate succession.

The plaster work would have been commenced, as a great part of the laths is put up in the third story, but for the difficulty of keeping the water from freezing in the pipes of supply for making mortar, and the necessary consideration and arrangement of the gas pipes for light.

I expect to close the contract for placing the pipes on Wednesday, with your concurrence; this decided, and the pipes placed, the plasterer will have no hindrance. In the meantime, Messrs. Allen & Son, the plasterers, are preparing the ornamental parts of their work for the library and news room.

The carpenter work, such as doors, sash, and finishing work, is well advanced, and will be ready for application as the building admits.

The stone cutters will commence to set the balustrade for the

balcony (west front) to-morrow, if weather permits; the entire front, from the cornice down, has yet to be washed and rubbed down; this will be done as soon as the weather permits.

The glass for the windows I have had made to order, by Porter, Shreve & Co., at the Waterford Glass Works, N. J., of a superior kind, expressly for this building; it has been delivered, and will soon be set in the sash.

The iron work for the extra fire-proofs, ordered by you, will be at the building on Wednesday.

I may add, that the whole of the works are now in such train, that no delay can take place but the time necessary for their due and proper execution; also, that it is with great satisfaction I express to you my obligations to the several contractors employed on the building, for their diligence and integrity in the execution of the work.

Seeing that you have been very attentive and observant of the entire progress of the building, I most respectfully ask you, gentlemen, to state to the Board of Directors, at their next meeting, what you have all seen, that the delay of the building has been unavoidable, from the material employed not being served rapidly—this has been from natural causes. In the beginning of the season, severe weather prevented the canal being used till a month later than usual; freshets during May and June overflowed the quarry, and many of the stone required were of unusual dimensions and large sizes, only to be procured from certain veins in the quarry, not always convenient to work. These were the causes of delay: none has occurred since the arrival of the stone, or by the contractors here. For these reasons, I beg your influence with the Board of Directors to grant me three months more time on my contract, that I may duly and carefully finish the work to be done.

To you, gentlemen, as the Building Committee, collectively and individually, I tender my grateful thanks for your courtesy, and the kind approval and encouragement you have given me during the progress of the work.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN NOTMAN.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

OF THE

NEW HALL OF THE ATHENÆUM.

The Lithographic View appended, shows the Athenæum as it appears from Washington Square. The whole structure is 50 feet front on Sixth street, 125 feet on Adelphi street, and 58 feet high. It is an excellent specimen of the Italian style of architecture, treated with spirit and taste. It has a bold and imposing appearance from the simplicity and unity of the design, and a perfect expression of its purpose; and though an astylar composition (without columns), the beautiful proportions of its parts, the fine details and massive crowning cornice, give it an air of stateliness and grandeur most impressive as a piece of street architecture. The entrance front on Sixth street is entirely of stone, of a rich greyish-brown tint, very hard and durable, and of fine quality, from quarries near Newark, N. J. The basement is of the same material on the entire Adelphi street flank of 125 feet, and rusticated, showing horizontal and vertical joints set on a moulded plinth, and having a moulded band and frieze carried round, marking the height of the first story. The windows are set in an architrave frame; the entrance door is of large proportions, and deeply recessed in pilasters of stone, moulded and enriched with hanging flower bands. The balcony is supported on boldly projecting consoles of beautiful design and workmanship, corbelled out on the trusses of the door and windows; the parapet of the balcony is of stone; on this open the windows of the principal story; these windows are dressed with moulded pilasters and architraves, having a modillion cornice over each, supported on richly worked trusses. The third story windows are squares, having their sills and dressings supported on moulded projecting brackets set in the band which marks the height of the principal story. The cornice is proportioned to the height of the whole building, and is enriched with cut dentil band and faciad modillion; the angles are in quoins; the stone is finely worked and set in the whole front. The entrance in the centre is gained by four steps set in moulded cheek-blocks, with inverted consoles supporting candelabra; it opens to a vestibule and hall of good size, (on each side of which are the offices,) and leads to the stairs, which are spacious, occupying, with their landings, 30 by 18 feet; they are wide and of easy ascent; the landings being lobbies, have screens on each story between them and the stairs, from which they will form a

regular architectural composition, being, on the basement story, an open arcade of three spaces. Over this, on the principal story, will be two columns in antæ; on the third, attic pilasters, with arches groined to the cove of the ceiling, in which is a lantern light from the roof.

The first story is divided into offices, and a large room of 37 by 60 feet, 14 feet high, for the Comptrollers of the Public Schools. The second story is arranged for the uses of the Athenæum, and is divided into a news room, library, and chess room. The news room is on the Sixth street front, and is 37 by 47 feet, and 24 feet high; it will be finished in pilasters, with an enriched cornice and cove to the ceiling. The library is 37 feet wide, 65 feet long, and 24 feet high, and will be finished with a columnar ordinance of the Corinthian order, advanced from the sides of the room, forming a centre cell, or nave and aisles; the latter will be taken up with book-cases, set laterally from the pillars to the wall, and is designed at some future time to be finished with a gallery, as the library extends; the cornice will be enriched with modillions and ornament, the ceiling being in pannel. The chess room is 18 feet square, and is an anteroom between the two large rooms; a room of the same size, over this, between the second and third stories, approached by stairs from the lobby, is intended for the Directors' room: these rooms are completely warmed and ventilated. The third story is divided into eight rooms (three of large size); one of them, to be occupied by the Historical Society, is 26 feet by 37 feet, and 14 feet high; it is expected that the whole will be finished by June of this year, when the interior can be more fully and elaborately described.

Architect.

JOHN NOTMAN.

Building Committee.

JOHN C. MONTGOMERY, MORDECAI D. LEWIS,
SAMUEL NORRIS, WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM H. DILLINGHAM.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5th, 1845.

My Dear Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the resolutions unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, at a special meeting convened on the 3d instant.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the "Hon. Samuel Breck, for the highly appropriate address delivered "by him on Saturday, the 1st inst., on the occasion of laying the "corner-stone of the new Athenæum building, and that he be re- "quested to furnish a copy of the same for publication, and preser- "vation among the archives of this Institution.

"*Resolved*, That the Building Committee be requested to carry "out the object of the foregoing resolution."

In the performance of this agreeable duty, I am instructed by the gentlemen of the Building Committee to convey to you the expression of their united wishes, that you will gratify the Directors, the Stockholders of the Athenæum, and the public, by an early compliance with the resolution of the Board.

With sentiments of high regard, I am, most sincerely and respectfully,

Your friend and obedient servant,

JOHN C. MONTGOMERY,
Chairman of the Building Committee.

Hon. Samuel Breck,
Arch Street.

Mulberry Street, Nov. 10, 1845.

My Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged by your polite and friendly communication of the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, asking for a copy, for publication, of the short address which I had the honour to deliver at the laying of the corner-stone of our new building.

I am very sincere in saying that it had better remain in manuscript, "among the archives of the Institution," than go to press. I send it, however, to be disposed of as the Committee may think proper.

With great regard, I am, my dear sir, most cordially and respectfully,

Your friend and servant,

SAMUEL BRECK.

John C. Montgomery, Esq.
Chairman Building Committee.

ADDRESS,

DELIVERED NOVEMBER 1st, 1845.

Gentlemen of the Athenæum of Philadelphia:

At length our hopes, so often deferred, are about to be realized. *That corner stone*, which our predecessors, from a period co-eval with the establishment of our Institution, have desired to see in its appointed place, as the sure indication of the erection of an appropriate edifice, has just been deposited. In that rock have been placed, in our presence, the charter and the laws of the Society, together with various other tokens, in print and in coins, of the current matters of the day. We are assembled for the purpose of hallowing the event; and, with the usual ceremony, to sanction formally and with lively hope, the important objects intended to be accomplished by the raising of the superstructure, which it is destined to sustain. Various have been the plans and projects in reference to a permanent home for our Institution. We have moved for several years amid doubt and indecision, fearful of committing an error, either in taste, in location, or in the means of our treasury, and thus we continued, fluctuating in opinion, until the building scheme became a vexed question. But all is now at rest; "the long agony is over," and we stand here to participate in the commencement of a structure that will, we hope, do honour to our architect, and be an ornament to the town.

It is designed for the accommodation of an Institution now in the thirty-third year of its establishment; and I say it with marked satisfaction and pride, an Institution advantageously known by its able administration and acknowledged usefulness.

Ambitious to advance a step higher and enlarge the sphere of its operations, we have engaged in the work before us; and it is our aim to establish, in the building destined to rise on this spot, an increasing light of mental cultivation, which shall instruct the studious, amuse the idle and unoccupied, and quicken the barren into good fruit.

In the execution of this plan it would be neither honourable nor just to falter. We must fulfil the expectations of the generous men who have enriched us, and given to us the ways and means by which we move. We are about to occupy a site in front of the splendid garden that bears the immortal name of Washington; and no mean building, of a public character, should stand there. Neither should we make ourselves obnoxious to the reproach of placing in the centre of our fine city, an edifice deficient in external ornament.

Athenæum!—The name chosen by our founders in imitation of similar institutions in Europe and America, was one in favour among the ancients. And although this is not the moment, on a winter's day, in the open air, to discourse about Rome and Athens, yet I beg your indulgence while I remind you that Adrian established a celebrated school upon the highest hill in Rome, which he named Athenæum, and appointed thereto (what we may hope to do) many learned lecturers, and attracted there, also, the most eminent authors of his day,

who exchanged thoughts on their writings, and thus made it an academy of letters and science. Athens, too, the root of this academic appellation, was the means of scattering Athenæums, by name, throughout the peninsula and the isles.

But our pretensions stop at the *name*. We do not soar so high as those great schools of antiquity, with their rich appointments and gorgeous architecture. Ours will be classed with libraries of respectable standing, well stocked with works in the learned and modern languages; with state papers, reviews, scientific and political journals, magazines, newspapers, charts, and every periodical publication of note. Lofty and capacious apartments will display them all to advantage, and make them easy of access to those who choose to consult them.

In the year 1813 our rooms were first opened to the public by some young men who founded our Institution. The whole machinery was set in motion by one hundred subscribers, who gave us our present name and constitution. On the margin I have placed a list of the first Board of Directors, elected more than thirty years ago;* and I am happy to say that nearly half of those gentlemen are still alive. Two of the number, in vigorous health, are members of the Board of the present year, 1845.

We may hope in this new Athenæum, in its

* *List of Directors in* 1814.

President.—William Tilghman.

Vice President.—James Mease.

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rooms dedicated to literary employment, to give to our visiters an opportunity of meditating in solitude, as it were, unmolested by conversation. Loud discourse; indeed, discourse of no kind should ever be heard there. Our walls, on every side, should have inscribed, in letters legible to every eye, "*Lo! Silence himself dwells here.*"

In those rooms designed for study or for the repose of the mind, all around should be quiet. There the scholar, the general reader, the politician, should be allowed to peruse, with undisturbed attention, the treasures of literature with which he will be furnished. From week to week, fresh from the press of the chief cities of the world, he may find an ample store on our shelves and tables; and as the human mind feeds, at the present day, with greater appetite upon periodical literature than on any other, for him, in the greatest variety, will those agreeable productions abound.

An edifice of Athenian grandeur has already risen in one of our suburbs. As Republicans, we may rejoice to see there the arts so splendidly patronized. It should be the aim of a Republic, I humbly think, to display in its national buildings the taste and talents of its citizens, unmindful of the cost. Architectural operations of magnitude, works of sumptuous ornament, cause the arts to flourish; but the outlay is beyond the means of private individuals; it is from the treasures of the State, or from cities and rich corporations, that adequate funds for majestic architecture can be obtained. Now and then, indeed, the fortune of a single citizen, like that of our own Girard, may supply the means of raising a structure, suited, by its size, spirited and

masterly execution, to create admiration and applause; but buildings erected for remote posterity must depend upon the funds just enumerated. And this is the true republican spirit. From that spirit chiefly must the arts derive lustre.

It is the legitimate, and nearly the only source of encouragement in a commonwealth, where the non-existence of the right of primogeniture prevents the growth of large fortunes. Houses of "crystalline rock and carved marble" must have their existence here; for we love and honour the arts; but they must be erected by the joint riches of many, while the private citizen, with his share of a divided and subdivided patrimony, must limit his ambition to a dwelling of small cost—convenient, yet plain and humble.

For ourselves of the Athenæum, having only moderate means, we intend to offer to the eye of the public a structure without tawdry decoration, or exceeding in cost our ability to pay. Thanks to the generous remembrance of William Lehman and others, and to the prudent foresight of our treasurers, we commence our work with the reasonable expectation of concluding it without extraneous aid, or the risk of incurring a troublesome debt.

William Lehman, at whose name our hearts are warmed with gratitude, was, when alive, our friend and associate; and dying, bequeathed to us ten thousand dollars; which sum, by excellent management, has been augmented to twenty-four thousand. "His munificent legacy will perpetuate his name in the annals of our Athenæum, and secure for him therein a grateful memorial as a benefactor of literature." The building which his donation enables

us to raise, will contain a lecture room, apartments for a large library (now numbering nine thousand volumes), cabinets of coins and minerals, collections of charts, and every useful appendage for study. In a house of fifty feet front by one hundred and twenty-five deep, all this may be done, with room to spare for revenue from offices in the basement.

At the early formation of this Society, it was honoured by the friendship and personal attendance of distinguished men. Among them rank highest my two predecessors, Tilghman and Du Ponceau, both of whom bore an illustrious name in Pennsylvania. Tilghman, long time Chief Justice of the State, presided over the Institution fourteen years with steadfast earnestness, fostering a love of letters and the sciences, under the persuasion, derived from his own knowledge and experience, that pure morals are created and sustained by the cultivation of sound literature. He died at a good old age, blessed, beloved and revered by his associates, and by that commonwealth which he had served so long and so faithfully.

Du Ponceau! a name known among the literati of the two hemispheres, was chosen his successor, and continued for sixteen years our diligent, faithful, and zealous President. The influence of his name, as a man of science and deep learning, added honour to the station, and increased our usefulness; while his manners, always polite and affable, invested with dignity and grace his official and social intercourse. His death, at an age past eighty, was mourned in public discourses, abroad and at home. Just and elaborate encomiums have embalmed the memory of both.

"To praise what is lost,
Makes the remembrance dear."

This brief address, which I am admonished by our exposed position, in the month of November, to bring to a conclusion, is made here according to custom, and as an evidence of the interest created by the occasion.

That portion of our career which has already past, can leave nothing on our minds other than satisfaction and gratitude; the future opens with cheerfulness and hope. Our way hitherto has been propitious; it has been strewed with flowers. Nothing adverse, for more than thirty years, has crossed our path. A whole generation has passed away, and we have been sustained. "Fortune seldom comes with both hands full;" to us it has been liberal. By the goodness of Providence we have been made to flourish.

Gentlemen, no enterprise can be so insignificant as to expect to prosper, without the protection and blessing of God's providence; it does, therefore, especially concern us, on this occasion of laying the foundations anew of our Institution, to ask a continuance of its favours. To that Being, then, who regulates all our movements; who is our strength, shield, and dependence; and without whose support our *corner stone* would rest on a bed of shifting sand, we look, in deep humility, for prolonged assistance in our present work; for "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." On our labours, with submissive spirit and Christian reliance, we invoke divine protection; labours which we commence at a period of universal national prosperity, with peace and plenty pervading

the land, and our good city partaking of them in full measure by increase of people and thrift in trade.

Philadelphia *proper*, with her five suburban *cities* in immediate contact, making in the aggregate a vast town of fifty thousand houses, inhabited by nearly three hundred thousand people, will receive, in our edifice, a handsome addition to the numerous public buildings of pleasing architecture with which she is already adorned.

We dedicate to that noble city our repository of diversified knowledge, our means of literary pastime, with the promise that, when catering for a further supply, as we hope to do copiously from year to year, nothing shall be furnished to those who may read in our rooms, that is not derived from channels of approved morality and sound erudition, and accommodated to every faculty of the human mind.

Looking, therefore, to our fellow citizens for countenance and support, we say to them come—come in numbers, for without your hearty assistance our operations will be spiritless. It is your patronage alone that can give strength and durability to the Athenæum, and acceptably reward the Directors for their anxiety and toil.

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The Directors of the Athenæum of Philadelphia submit to the Stockholders their Forty-first Annual Report.

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Stockholders we have to deplore the loss of three members of our Board. They were among the founders of the Institution, and have, by their continued and zealous co-operation, contributed to the great development which the Athenæum, from small beginnings in 1813, has now attained.

In the death of Col. C. C. Biddle, J. J. Vanderkemp, and Lawrence Lewis, Esqrs., we have lost valued friends and advisers, and, in common with our fellow citizens, mourn the departure from among us of upright and honorable men, and of great social usefulness. The Board have not failed to record suitable memorials of the deep sense of the loss we deplore, and expressive of the affectionate regard with which their memories will be cherished.

The receipts of the Athenæum for the past year have been as follows:

Cash,	Rents collected,	$1992 20
"	received from 434 Stockholders,	2170 00
"	" " 27 Subscribers,	99 00
"	Arrears from Stockholders,	120 00
"	one share stock sold,	25 00
"	one Life Subscriber,	35 00
"	Note discounted at Philadelphia Bank,	800 00
		$5,241 20

PAYMENTS,

Balance due Treasurer, Jan., 1855,	$512 68
Commission on collections,	122 45
Salary of Librarian,	800 00
Books,	674 62
Newspapers,	303 49
Repairs, including new furnace,	225 59
Furniture,	40 70
Binding Books,	56 59
Fire Insurance,	24 00
Gas,	301 77
Coal,	276 75
Interest on mortgages and temporary loans,	704 13
Water rent,	20 70
Taxes,	540 00
Ice,	18 55
Garden,	31 94
Committee of Superintendence, for Janitor's Salary, Postages, and Contingent Expenses,	486 25
Balance due Athenæum,	100 99
	$5,241 20

The Treasurer has in his hands four hundred dollars of city warrants; and there is the amount of one hundred dollars due for rent in arrears. The mortgage debt of the Institution, ($11,500,) remains as it stood at the date of the last annual report. The income from rents for the current year may be estimated at the sum received from that source in 1855, but the taxes on the building will be increased. The legacy left the institution by the late Elliott Cresson, ($1,000,) has not yet been, but we believe will soon be realized.

In laying before the Stockholders the present state of our finances, we feel constrained to express our great regret that the income and resources of the Institution, so far from enabling us to accomplish fully the primary designs of our founders, may not permit us to afford the use of all the advantages which the frequenters of the Athenæum now enjoy. The number of our stockholders is very small for such a populous and wealthy community as ours, and by no means large enough for our wants.

We can scarcely doubt that it is in the power of almost every member, without importunate solicitation, to add another shareholder to our list, by simply presenting the claims of the Athenæum to fa-

vorable consideration to some one within the range of his acquaintance.

It is not from those only who find leisure and inclination personally to participate in its advantages, that we ought to expect patronage of such an Institution, but it may be, we think, reasonably urged that all whose means enable them conveniently to do so, and who feel a proper interest in the welfare and prosperity of our City, and in the promotion of scientific knowledge and the dissemination of a literary taste among us, ought not to neglect the Athenæum, which by their aid and support, may become so much more useful and attractive.

We permit ourselves therefore to hope that this candid exposition of our wants, and the appeal which we venture to make to the public spirit of our populous and intelligent community, and considering, too, the trifling sum for which the benefits and privileges of the Institution may be obtained, will not be made in vain.

On its tables and shelves are to be found the principal newspapers and journals of Europe and America. The Library now consists of nearly 13,000 volumes, and annually increases. The commodious and spacious rooms of the building, and its pleasant site, the liberality and hospitality of the Institution, in inviting to the use of its accommodations, strangers, clergymen, and others, (four hundred strangers have during the past year enjoyed this privilege) should not only make it a place of literary and social union, but, with the encouragement we solicit. will render it what a Philadelphia Athenæum should be, one of the chief embellishments and attractions of our City.

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London Athenæum,
Blackwood's Magazine,
Dublin University Mag.,
Fraser's Magazine,
Gentlemen's Magazine,
Colburn's New Monthly,
Tait's Magazine,
United Service Journal,
Edinburgh New Phil. Mag.
Notes and Queries,
Dublin Review,
Edinburgh Review,
North British Review,
London Quarterly Review,
Westminster Review,
Revue des Deux Mondes,
Journal des Savants,
Art Journal,
Chambers' Journal of Popular Literature.

Rules for the Government of the Rooms.

AND THE

ADMISSION OF STOCKHOLDERS AND VISITORS.

The Rooms shall be opened every day (Sundays excepted,) from 8 A. M. till 10 P. M. from the 1st November to 1st May; and from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. from 1st May to 1st November.

Books, papers, &c., shall be returned to the place whence they were taken, and the doors of the cases be kept locked, and the key left in the lock.

Persons wishing to become Stockholders must be proposed to the Board of Directors by a Stockholder or Subscriber; and when elected shall receive a certificate for his share upon paying twenty-five dollars; which share shall be subject to the payment of five dollars per annum in advance.

In every case where the arrears upon a share of stock shall amount to the sum of ten dollars or upwards, and shall remain unpaid for the space of sixty days, a penalty of two dollars shall be incurred, of which it shall be the duty of the Librarian to give immediate notice, in writing, to the Stockholder or his representative; or in case the delinquent cannot be found, by advertisement in some conspicuous part of the Rooms; and if payment of the arrears and penalty shall not be made within thirty days after such notice, the Librarian shall make report thereof, in writing, to the Board of Directors, at their next meeting, who may thereupon proceed to forfeit such share.

Whenever a Stockholder shall omit, for two years in succession, to discharge the annual payments due upon his share, he shall be precluded the use of the Rooms, and shall be accordingly notified, in writing, by the Librarian.

Annual Visitors may be admitted, upon payment, in advance, of eight dollars, if elected between February and June; six dollars, between June and October; and for shorter periods, at one dollar per month.

Persons whose usual place of residence is not within ten miles of the city, may be admitted gratis for a period of one month, at each visit to Philadelphia. To entitle such persons to admission, it is necessary that they should be introduced to the Librarian by a Stockholder or Subscriber, who shall enter the name of each person so introduced on the book kept for that purpose.

Diplomatic characters, Clergymen, and such Foreign Consuls as are not resident citizens of the United States, shall be admitted gratis to the use of the Rooms.

Gentlemen are respectfully reminded of the propriety of preserving silence in the Rooms, and of guarding against placing their feet on the Tables or Chairs, or otherwise injuring the furniture; and are invited to assist the Officers of the Institution in carrying into effect this regulation.

The annual payments may be commuted for the following sums viz :

Under 30 years of age,	$65 00
Over 30 and under 40,	55 00
" 40 " " 50,	47 00
" 50 " " 60,	40 00
" 60 years of age,	35 00

RULES FOR THE LIBRARY.

Any person, who shall deface or injure any book, pamphlet, or newspaper, or shall remove the same from the Rooms, except in the manner provided for in the Regulations relating thereto, shall be suspended from visiting the Rooms by the Committee of Superintendence until the next Annual meeting of the Stockholders, when, if it is thought proper, he shall be expelled, and, if a Stockholder, his share shall be forfeited and sold for the benefit of the Institution.

Much loss and inconvenience having been occasioned by the present irregular mode of taking books from the Rooms of the Institution, it is earnestly hoped, that the Stockholders and Subscribers will punctually comply with the following

REGULATIONS.

1. No newspaper or file or volume of newspapers, and no Map, Chart, Atlas, Book of Engravings, Encyclopædia, Dictionary, Register, or other like work of reference shall be taken from the Rooms without the written permission of one of the Committee of Superintendence, expressing the period for which the same may be retained: provided, however, that the foreign newspapers after they are removed from the Tables may be taken by permission of the Librarian, and not otherwise, for not more than two days.

2. No Magazine, Pamphlet, Review, Novel, or other Book shall be taken from the Rooms within three months after the same has been received.

3. All other books, excepting as above mentioned, may be taken by any Stockholder or Subscriber, for any period not exceeding one week by permission of the Librarian, and not otherwise : but no one shall be entitled to more than one volume at a time.

4. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a Register, wherein he only shall enter the names of such books as are so taken, the names of the persons to whom they are delivered, the time when they are taken, and also the time when they are returned.

5. Every person, who shall neglect to return any volume so taken by him, within the time specified in the foregoing Regulations, shall for such neglect pay to the Librarian for the use of the Institution the sum of ten cents for each and every week, or portion of a week for which the same is retained longer than said period : And every person injuring or losing any volume so taken by him shall replace the same by a new and perfect copy, or with a new and perfect set, if the same be part of a set.

Hall of the Athenæum, Feb. 18, 1856.

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